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Great horned owl rescued and released



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Volunteer John Carruthers prepares to release a great horned owl, rescued from Park Court in Niagara-on-the-Lake when it was two weeks old, when the April wind storm felled the tree that held its nest. Now an adult and trained to hunt, it was one of two rescued in April and released Tuesday in the back yard behind Park Court.

A small group of neighbours were invited to witness the release of the two owls they had helped rescue as babies last April.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Cindy Carter couldn't wait to see the two great-horned owls she had helped save as babies.

They were about two weeks old when high winds hit Niagara-on-the-Lake last April, toppling the Charlotte Street tree where their mother had made her nest.

Carter said when her neighbours, Ken and Norma Jackson, phoned to say they had a strange-looking creature hopping under their window, she picked up the phone and called Ken and Kea Reid.

The town's canine control officers know just about everything there is to know about animal welfare, she said, and sure enough, they put her in touch with the Owl Foundation in Vineland.

"The Reids were wonderful—they knew exactly who to call. They have that kind of rapport with people. Every community should have a Ken and Kea."

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MPP Kim Craitor kissed his wife, Helen, when the results from last Thursday's provincial election results came in and he was elected to represent the Niagara Falls riding for a third term.

KRIS DUBÉ QMI Agency

No time to celebrate

Newly re-elected MPP Kim Craitor didn't waste time getting back to work after last Thursday's provincial election results came in.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Watching as the election results came in, re-elected MPP Kim Craitor says he was nervous.

But it was right back to work for him on Friday morning.

"To be elected for a third time is an enormous honour — it's an honour every time. Sometimes I have to pinch myself to believe it's happened again."

The MPP says the election this time around was a little different because the results for the Niagara Falls

riding came later than usual.

"We didn't know until 1 a.m. We were one of the last ridings to know because the polls hadn't come in. By the time the people from the radio and the television stations left we still didn't know it was a victory party."

As the night went on, people began leaving because of the late hour.

Craitor and his wife Helen began watching the results of the election as they were posted online because the large television which broadcasted the election results was shut off.

"By the time I gave my speech I didn't want to speak too long so everyone could get home. When the party started there were well over 300 people and I ended up speaking to 75 people at the end of the night."

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Election results send message to Craitor about voters' wishes

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Craitor says when he spoke to the small crowd early Friday morning he thought it was odd for a member of provincial parliament to call his own victory.

"I was joking with my wife and I said to her, 'honey, if it goes too late, it's just going to be me talking to you at the end.'"

Craitor admits to uncertainty about the election results because there were a number of well-spoken candidates and each of his opponents had good things to offer voters.

"Yes, I was nervous. We had really good candidates running — George Lepp ran a great campaign for the Conservatives and Wayne Redekop of the NDP led a campaign for a credible organization."

Craitor says he is thrilled to be back in office and he is up for any challenges when his way.

Dedicated to the people he serves, Craitor made appointments for the Friday morning after the election.

"A few people called me and asked to speak with me. I told them I am no longer MPP, just an incumbent. They said that's okay, but they still wanted to see me."

Friday morning, Craitor says he woke up and was raring to go back to work.

"I never think of my role of MPP as work. It's one of the greatest jobs I've ever had. I'm excited to get projects started and I have lots of plans."

With the Liberal party securing a minority govern-

ment, Craitor says there is a lot of good that can come from it.

"The election results sent the message to me that the public wants us to work together — no party got a clear majority."

Craitor believes a minority government is the peoples' way to say that change needs to be made and they can only be made by parties working together.

"It's what I've always believed—the public has given the opportunity for all of the parties to work together for the common good of Ontario."

He says his main focus right now is to find a way to make the government work.

"I'm going to do everything I can to make the other parties work together. I'm excited to be in with this type of government and to make the three main parties work together."

The election results also



The biggest thing for me is to give a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the people who went out and voted regardless of the party they voted for."

— MPP Kim Craitor

sent Craitor another message — to encourage more people to vote.

The MPP is surprised about the voter turnout for this year's election — one of the lowest on record.

"There was about a 48

per cent voter turn-out for this election. This is a strong message that we as politicians need to pull up our socks."

The MPP thought the number of voters would be larger.

"The voter turn-out at advance polls was fantastic. We expected a good crowd."

Craitor says having a minority government and having the parties work together for the common good may encourage people to vote in the future.

"We all have a chance to restore the faith in the electoral system."

In Niagara-on-the-Lake, Craitor says there is still work to be done for the 1812 bicentennial.

"That's on the top of my to-do list right now."

In the agricultural sector, more funding is needed to help local growers get their product out there, he says.

A few weeks ago, Craitor attended a luncheon hosted by Lord Mayor David Eke, with local business owners invited to discuss opportunities for the growth of the business community.

Craitor says he is making economic growth one of his priorities in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"I'm planning on making Niagara-on-the-Lake more user-friendly and being a part of the mayor's plans to help council push an agenda forth to help businesses grow in Niagara-on-the-Lake."

Despite the daily challenges he might face,

Craitor says he wakes up every morning with a positive attitude.

"My nature is to find solutions to problems — I never think negatively. There is always a solution to a problem. I wake up every day and hope to find the solutions that help people."

Craitor's motto for the campaign was people come first — he says it's not a cliché, but something he truly believes in.

He says he is looking forward to his next term and doing all he can for the Niagara riding.

"The biggest thing for me to do right now is to give a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the people who went out and voted, regardless of the party they voted for."

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Council has another look at future of Virgil school

Majority vote says yes to study about land use, but no to heritage designation for the original 140-year-old one-room school building.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Council approved a land use study for Virgil Public School, but it was a tie vote that failed to move forward a process to give the property a third-party heritage designation.

Both issues were voted on in poll votes at Monday night's council meeting after deferred at a September meeting. The land use study was

approved unanimously.

At the meeting led by Deputy Lord Mayor Maria Bau Coote during Dave Eke's absence, Matt Galloway, chief office administrator began the discussion with his opinion on both issues at the council table.

He said a land use study would be beneficial for a future developer who purchases the former school site and would not affect the current zoning of the property.

"I'm not too sure what the study will indicate but it will help a future developer to decide what to do with the property."

But Galloway was not in support of giving the school site a third party designation and suggested the issue be left until the property has been sold by the Niagara District School



Councillor Martin Mazza

Board.

"I would suggest holding the heritage matter until council has been given an opportunity to meet with the new owner of the prop-

erty and incorporate the heritage into a larger development plan."

Before councillors began their debate, Councillor Martin Mazza asked what constitutes a conflict of interest, referring to Councillor Jamie King who declared a conflict in September for both the designation and land study of Virgil, after receiving conflicting legal opinions.

King later said he was not in conflict and voted on both issues.

Bau Coote said it wasn't the time time or forum to discuss that issue.

Galloway clarified the issue, explaining that it's the responsibility of the individual member of council to deem a conflict of interest, which means incurring a financial gain.

He added there is legislation readily available so if

councillors have a concern about conflicts they can file a complaint to be heard through the proper channels.

Councillor Jamie King said he supported both the land study and the heritage designation.

"I'm excited to be able to vote because I don't consider myself to be in conflict with this matter."

He said the study will offer options to potential developers, which is good for growth in Virgil.

King added that residential growth in Virgil has been tremendous, but now it's time to see more commercial growth.

"There has been a completely residential growth - Virgil hasn't seen the corresponding commercial growth."

Councillor Gary Zalepa said he would support both



Councillor Dennis Dick

issues, especially the heritage designation because it would slow down the demolition process from 10 to 60 days if a developer filed an application to develop the property.

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Designation better left to future owners, some councillors say

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"We want to do what's best for our community and that four acres of land are an important part of Virgil."

Zalepa said timing is important and if a new property owner decides to tear down the school, a

heritage designation means the difference between scrambling on the phones and setting up interviews. A designation would give council more control."

Councillor Terry Flynn didn't support a designation because the property is still in the possession of the DSBN.

He said it would be bet-

ter to table the issue until the property was sold.

"I don't think it would be prudent for me to approve this recommendation at this time," said Flynn.

"There is a time and place when it can be reintroduced. I don't agree with forcing a designation on a whole property because of one corner," Flynn said referring to the

original one school room.

Councillor Dennis Dick said it would be ideal to have a developer to discuss both of these issues with.

"It would be beneficial for council and for the person who will purchase the property," said Dick.

"From my perspective, I will support the land study but I will not support the designation."

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our editorial

How do we get voters out?

We can only do so much to engage people in elections. Why is it so difficult to convince people to vote?

With more advance polls than ever, and more people using them, voter turn-out could have been an all-time high in last week's provincial election—instead it was just the opposite, with less than half the eligible voters in the province actually marking a ballot.

Elections Ontario reports that 49.2 per cent of eligible voters cast a ballot, even fewer than the previous record low of 52.1 per cent in the 2007 provincial election.

Why this election, when it was there's never been to vote? Was there something more important happening that day?

Yes, we just had a federal election in the spring, and voted at a municipal level a year ago. But really, the act of voting is not that stren-

uous, and anyone who watches TV or listens to radio—and isn't that everyone?—must have learned something about the candidates and their parties.

As a society, we are cynical about politics and politicians, and that's likely the closest to an explanation of why more of us don't vote.

Much-discussed online voting may be an idea whose time has come, simply because we spend so much time at our computers as it is. It would be interesting to have a break-down of voter age-groups, but certainly, if we want to appeal to the younger demographics, online ballots would be the answer.

We congratulate all those who put their names forward to run, and despair that the majority of those eligible to vote did not give them the respect they deserve by casting their ballots.

letters to the editor

Health care system proof of how blessed we are to live in Canada

At a time when many people are being critical of the Niagara Health System, I would like to speak out in their defence, based on my own personal experience as both a past and current patient.

While the system is not without problems, it has provided me with multiple surgical procedures and hospital stays that have not cost me anything.

In my lifetime I have visited many places in the world where medical care is only available to the rich, yet our system strives to provide quality care to everyone. I have received treatment by many skilled specialists and surgeons in a timely fashion, as requested by my devoted family doctor, who is constantly monitoring my overall health.

My hospital stays have been made more comfortable by the care and compassion provided by the nursing staff who work tirelessly despite their long hours and staff shortages.

I would like to thank Dr. Fremdo and all the

medical and hospital staff who are working so hard to make my current hospital stay a comfortable one and to remind those who complain, how blessed we are to live here in Canada.

Fred Kingsford

Editor's note: Mr. Kingsford dictated this letter to his daughters Oct. 3, from his bed in the NOTL Hospital, and asked them to deliver it to the Advance office. Unfortunately, he passed away Friday, Oct. 7.

It's Our Time



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

John Walker (centre), honorary chair of the Niagara North It's Our Time campaign, gives Jim Garrett and Donna Scott, co-chairs of the NOTL fundraising campaign cabinet, a cheque for \$200,000, a gift from Walker and his wife Carol. The donation is above and beyond the \$5 million given by Walker Industries to the new Niagara Regional Cancer Centre, which is part of the new St. Catharines hospital. Walker encourages others to consider donating shares as an option other than cash, as he did, thereby avoiding capital gains taxes. Scott says she hopes the Walkers' donation will inspire other NOTL individuals to donate to the new hospital that will be part of a much improved regional health system, thanks to the appointment of Kevin Smith as supervisor, whose far-reaching abilities should reform local health care.

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Everyone goes through times like that. One of the greatest gifts we can offer

tening ear and a gentle smile. People who give of themselves when I have nothing left to give.

Those qualities are not unique to St. Andrew's. I've found them in every congregation with which I've been connected and in every denomination I've visited.

If you find yourself in the midst of a struggle, if you're feeling discouraged or uncertain, if you're looking for a place where you can be loved and accepted for who you are, then maybe you should drop in to your neighbourhood congregation. We don't have all the answers but we'd love to give you support while you discover them.

one another is support. That's a gift I've always found in the church. A group of people who reach out when they see someone in need. Hard working. Compassionate. Forgiving. People who provide a lis-

MPP Kim Craitor is re-elected as leader of Niagara riding for good reason

He says it's an honour to be elected for the third time.

As a relatively new reporter, it was an interesting experience to watch each candidates' campaign unfold over the past few months.

I've shaken hands with a few candidates, spoken to them over the phone and studied their promises.

Though each candidate brought something different to the election table, all of them had lots to say about health care, employment and education in the Niagara region, believing they could real-



Sarah Ferguson
Reporter's Notebook

ly make a difference.

It wasn't surprising to see Kim Craitor quietly tuck away the role of MPP in his pocket once again.

Craitor has been a member of provincial parliament for Niagara-on-the-Lake, Fort Erie and Niagara Falls since 2003 and is continuing as

MPP with good reason.

Every event in the community, from a tiny fund-raiser, to a ceremony which honours important people in the community, Craitor can be found shaking hands with the people and greeting them warmly with a smile and a hug.

If he is able to attend an event in any of the three communities he represents, he's there.

I was responsible for interviewing some of the candidates to write profiles just before the election to help inform readers, and Craitor was one of them.

Instead of taking a 15 minute phone call, Craitor decided he would rather speak to me in person.

I was sure he wanted to

make sure I wrote everything down right — I am still a new reporter, after all.

But he sat down amidst a semi-messy office stacked with papers probably to the ceiling and for about two hours we just chatted.

When I asked him about it, he took the time to explain the entire situation with the hospital improvement plan and how the hospital closures began in the 90s.

I was surprised that someone who has so many places to be, and so many things to do would set aside so much time to speak to me.

I'm positive I made him late for a few meetings, but he didn't leave until I was clear on every-

thing we had spoken about.

The politician even took the time to remember my name — something that's not easy to do when he meets dozens of people throughout the work week.

On the night of the election, Craitor waited for hours to find out who had secured the role as MPP for the Niagara riding. He said he waited as television crews, radio stations and reporters left his party.

It wasn't until 1 a.m. until the results were in that he called his own victory.

It doesn't matter if it's the first, or third election, he said winning is exhilarating every time, and he is honoured to be serving

a third term.

Craitor went right back to work on Friday morning — he said some people had asked to meet with him regardless of whether or not he won.

Craitor always presents himself as a humble, sincere individual who genuinely cares about what people in his community are saying.

Regardless of party, what voters want is a leader who really does care about the people in their community.

Not everyone may agree with his party — I certainly don't agree with everything the Liberals have done or plan to do, but I'm happy to say I'm glad to be working with Kim Craitor for the next four years.

Red Roof Retreat appeals to businesses, individuals, event organizers

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In this edition of the Advance, we have an article about an electronics recycling collection, which will raise money for Red Roof Retreat.

We also are helping local musician Jack Lane promote his annual Big Band Party—with proceeds to go to Red Roof.

And Silkeberg Boutique on Queen Street, with Inniskillin Wines, will present Fashion at the Vineyards, an event that has become a twice-annual fashion show that pairs fashion and wine to benefit, you guessed it—Red Roof Retreat.

Do we ever tire of writing about Red Roof, which provides daytime recreational and educational programs and 24-hour weekend respite services to children, youth and young adults with special



Penny Coles
Editor's Notebook

needs and their families?

No, like many strong supporters in our community, we willingly do all we can to help the facility that has grown right under our noses in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and is unequalled in what it has accomplished and the services it provides.

Do we ever say enough, when asked to take photographs of director Steffanie Bjorgan, accepting a cheque for the facility that receives no government funding, yet provides services that no government agency can match?

Never. We understand that there will never be enough funding to help all those who could benefit from Red Roof's services, that the need for financial support will be ongoing for as long as it continues to operate.

I remember the first time I met Steffanie, with her son Garrett, who was born in 1993 with Cerebral Palsy, a neurological condition that can occur during pregnancy.

She was organizing a fundraiser from her home, while coping with her older son and baby Garrett, for what I can't remember. As Garrett and his needs grew, so did Steffanie's role as an advocate for him and other children whose special needs were not being met by existing services.

Thus grew Red Roof Retreat, a place to offer comprehensive care that began with summer day programs, and eventually included weekend respite care for the small number of Niagara families it can accommodate, including young adults such as the

one Garrett has become.

You can't talk to Steffanie without being impressed by her motivation, her passion, her leadership in the quest to find appropriate, compassionate care for those with special needs.

She has an enormous community of support on her side—from individuals who help organize fund-raisers such as those this weekend to large corporations who have taken Red Roof under their wing.

It's not surprising that support comes from so many different sources—the services of Red Roof are recognized as being important, and its financial needs are great. If you live or work in NOTL, chances are, you have contributed more than once to an event that supported Red Roof, and will do so again in the future.

Sadly, it will never be enough. But fortunately, there will always be caring people in NOTL who will step up to the plate to help, as they always do, as they will this weekend.



Rachel Evans, a Silkeberg stylist, displays a few of the pieces that will be modelled in Fashion At The Vineyard. The event is Sunday, at 2 p.m. at Inniskillin on Line 3. For tickets call 905-468-2554 or www.greatesttestsofniagara.com.

Foundation needs about \$300,000 a year to operate, mostly donated by individuals

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After Owl Foundation volunteers came from Vineland and got the baby caged — “on their dime,” says Carter—they looked around for a second baby—there are usually two in a clutch, she discovered.

But not finding a sibling, left with the one they had captured, and she went home—to find the second baby right up against her

French doors, almost as if it understood where to look for help.

So she phoned the foundation again, but they couldn't come back that evening.

With the mother owl staring fiercely down at her, keeping watch over her baby, Carter got her neighbour to help her put the little one in a cat carrier, which she set down in her laundry room, safe from

the predators in the area—cats, foxes, raccoons and coyotes would easily attack, although the mother would have likely have kept watch—and made sure it was safe overnight.

Foundation volunteers returned the next day and tried to set up a makeshift nest with the baby so that its mother might rescue it, but although the mother owl tried, she just tipped over the nest, spilling the baby down onto the ground, from where it made its way back to Carter's front yard.

Again, with the help of neighbours, she was able to capture the baby—with his mother dive-bombing her driveway—and return him to her laundry room, where he spent a second night, until the foundation could return and pick him up to re-unite him with his sib-

ling.

At that point they were about 10 inches long, but with a huge wingspan even at that early age, says Carter.

She was kept informed about their welfare during the summer, and was told that when the owls were about five months old, the foundation would return with them to set them free. Tuesday was the date that was set for the release behind her Park Court home, within a kilometre of where they were found.

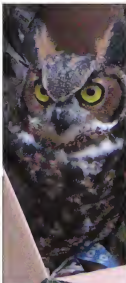
She was excited to see them, warned that they

would be adult size—the two males she named Larry and Lenny each had a wing span of almost 40 inches.

The mother, Carter said, hung around after the babies were captured, and she still occasionally hears her and the father.

The babies, while in the care of the foundation, were banded, so they can be tracked, she said.

John Carruthers, the volunteer who arrived to set the owls free, says it costs the foundation about \$300,000 a year to operate, including five paid staff members, the transportation of 2,700 live mice from a laboratory in Quebec each week, and the building and maintenance of the cages. The foundation, a non-profit five-acre conservation centre for the rescue and rehabilitation of owls and the only place in North America to keep damaged wild owls in a breeding program, relies entirely on donations to survive, mostly from individuals concerned about owl welfare. It permanently houses about 150 damaged wild, native owls as well as supporting up to 100 owls annually that are released. The Park Court owls were



Photographed just minutes before it was released, the great horned owl had almost doubled its size since its capture. Males are not as large as females, but the two babies were well-fed in captivity and had grown more than one in the wild would have.

trained to hunt during their captivity so that they will be self-sufficient, and will likely stay in the vicinity, said Carruthers.

For more information about the Owl Foundation visit www.theowl-foundation.ca.

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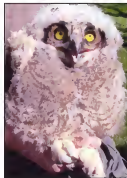
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TripAdvisor lists NOTL tops in Canadian wine and food destinations

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Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's a rating that could attract more visitors than the town already sees, and a reason not to lose focus on an industry that is an important economic driver in Niagara-on-the-Lake, says the town's chief administrative officer.

Mike Galloway, recognizing TripAdvisor as well-used by travelers and "social media junkies," said the fact that people posting unbiased reviews of hotels, wineries and restaurants have earned NOTL the designa-

tion as top in its category "certainly solidifies the status of NOTL and what we're good at."

That the town has earned that honour is an indication of the hard work and efforts that have gone into developing the tourism industry, and serves as a reminder "that we not lose focus that one of our strengths is tourism," he said.

But there will be other municipalities that would like to topple the town and claim that position for themselves, he said.

"We can't forget our core services and the activities people come here to enjoy."

The site lists top-rated bed and breakfasts in NOTL, hotels, restaurants and activities, including the Shaw Festival, Fort George, wineries and wine tours, recre-

ation trails and more.

Harbour House, the Shaw Club Hotel and Spa and White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa received the

top three listings.

Ginger's Restaurant was top-listed of the restaurants mentioned.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.

EB-2011-0186

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. ("NOTL") has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for permission to increase its delivery charges beginning May 1, 2012. The Application was filed on September 15, 2011 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule 8), under the Board's guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulatory Mechanism which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates between cost of service applications. NOTL's application also includes a request to recover the impact of lost revenues associated with various conservation initiatives and a request to recover costs incurred due to wind storm damages. NOTL also requests the disposition of account 1562.

Delivery charges are one of four regular items on Residential and General Service customers' electric bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed. If the application is fully approved, the monthly bill for a Residential customer who consumes 800 kWh per month will increase by about \$2.69. The monthly bill for a General Service customer consuming 2000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of less than 50 kW would increase by about \$8.93. The proposed changes to the Delivery charge are separate from other potential changes to the electricity bills.

For additional information on billing items visit <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Consumers/Electricity/Your+Electricity+Bill>

The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2011-0186. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all NOTL customers.

How to see NOTL's Application

A copy of the application and related documents may be viewed at the Board's office listed below or on the Board's website at: <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/html/?case=EB-2011-0186>.

A copy can also be viewed at NOTL's office at the address indicated below or may be on its website <http://www.notlhydro.com>.

Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding by requesting either intervenor or observer status, or by submitting a letter of comment:

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 - if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership.

The Board intends to only consider cost awards in this proceeding in relation to NOTL's proposal for lost revenue adjustment mechanism recovery, Z-factor claim to recover costs incurred due to wind storm damages, and NOTL's request for the disposition of account 1562. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the applicant and the grounds for your eligibility for costs.

- Observers** do not participate actively in the proceeding but receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. (There is no fee for observers to receive documents issued by the Board.) You may request observer status by sending a request to the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.

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Interrogatories and Submissions

Board-approved intervenors or Board staff wishing information and material from NOTL that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board and that is relevant to the hearing shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to NOTL on or before **November 2, 2011**. NOTL shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all intervenors no later than **November 16, 2011**.

Written final submissions by an intervenor or Board staff must be filed with the Board, and copied to all other parties, by **November 30, 2011**. If NOTL wishes to respond to the submissions, its written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all other parties by **December 12, 2011**.

YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS TREATED DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON HOW YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING:

- Intervenor** - everything you file with the Board, including your name and contact information, will be placed on the public record (i.e., the public file and the Board's website).
- Letters of comment or observers** - The Board removes any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment or the request for observer status (i.e., address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual), however, your name and the content of the letter of comment or of the request for observer status will become part of the public record.

Filing Information for Intervenor

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <http://www.ern.ontarioenergyboard.ca>. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below.

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The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

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For more information on how to participate please go to the Board's website at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory+Proceedings/Hearings/Participating+in+a+Hearing+at+the+Board+at+1-888-632-6273> (toll free).

How to Contact the Board or Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.

Please reference Board file number EB-2011-0186 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING A LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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DATED at Toronto, October 5, 2011

Ontario Energy Board

Original Signed By
Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Hydro gearing up to phase in time-of-use billing

► "Fluke" situation during testing caused erroneous hydro bill for one customer.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Some smart meters have been replaced in Niagara-on-the-Lake to correct problems with transmission of data, leading up to the phase in of time-of-use billing that should begin in about a week.

But it's not the recording of electricity use that has failed, assures NOTL Hydro president Jim Huntington.

However, caught in the middle of a testing period as he had his meter replaced about two weeks ago was Concession 7 residential hydro customer Tony Romanic.

When he opened his bill, dated Oct. 4, he saw a charge of more than \$4,200 for the electricity he had apparently used.

He spoke to the Advance about the error, which NOTL Hydro has corrected, wondering whether other customers have had similar bills.

While he was "semi-satisfied" with the response from NOTL Hydro, he is concerned about the accuracy of his previous bills.

"The guy who changed my meter said the clock wasn't working. How many others are experiencing

this? I'd also like to know if my so-called smart meter has been screwing up for the last six months. How do I know I haven't been over-charged in previous bills?"

But Huntington assures that is not the case—that the error on Romanic's bill was "a real fluke. The timing couldn't have been worse."

There are two components to the smart meter, he explained—one that is sealed, that measures consumption, and another radio component that transmits data. That is the part that is presenting difficul-

ties for time-of-use billing, he said.

"In final preparation for time-of-use-billing, we have been replacing a small number of smart meters identified as not communicating effectively with our tower," says Huntington.

"All of our smart meters have been government tested and sealed for accuracy, however, a few meters lack satisfactory radio signal strength necessary to bill time-of-use. One meter (Romanic's) was changed at the same time that we were performing live system test-

ing for time-of-use billing, resulting in an irregular and inaccurate customer billing."

After identifying the inaccuracy, the bill was corrected and the cause of the incident remedied, said Huntington.

He plans to give Romanic a spread sheet that will help explain what happened and hopefully assure him that other than that one "bizarre bill," his billing has been correct.

"While we believe that this was an isolated incident, we are thoroughly

checking for accuracy all accounts that had a similar meter testing."

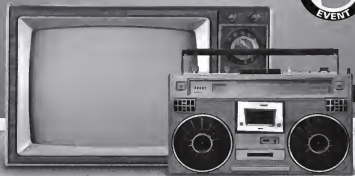
Somewhere between 20 to 30 smart meters have been replaced, he said, with a few more necessary replacements before the transition to time-of-use billing.

It was delayed to ensure that billing was accurate after the discovery that some meters were not transmitting complete data, and Huntington remains committed to ensuring all bills are accurate and fair.



Jim Huntington

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Shaw's Colleen Blake announces retirement—and intention to stay in NOTL

She is ready for more flexibility and less stress than the full time job of executive director.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advocate

Colleen Blake has loved her connection with the Shaw Festival, but the time

has come for her to "gear down" and take a little more time for herself.

I plan to stay busy, but not quiet this busy," says the executive director of the Festival, who has announced her plans to retire in the spring.

"I'm not the kind of person to just sit around, but it's time for a little more flexibility and a little less stress."

Blake has been at the

administrative helm of the Festival for the last 17 years, first collaborating with artistic director Christopher Newton, and then with Jackie Maxwell, who has been with the Shaw for almost a decade.

With the 50th season of the Festival behind her, Blake says the time is right for her to bow out.

"This is almost a new time for the Shaw. It seems the right time for new leadership, for a changeover before we get into new projects. It feels like the right timing for me and for Shaw."

It was a difficult decision, one that has been bubbling below the surface for a few years, "but when I put all the factors in line from my point of view and for the Shaw, it all made sense. The 50th was a milestone, a big season for the Shaw. And the land pack-

age is in place for future development. Having achieved both of those, it really felt right to go at this point."

A lot of changes have taken place in her 17 years with the Festival, including some significant physical enhancements, such as the new production centre—and, of course, she says only half-joking, she's very proud of the expansion of the women's washroom in

the Festival Theatre (for which female audience members say thank you).

"The company has grown, the work has got better and better, and I'm very proud and very pleased to have been involved during those years. I'm also blessed to have worked with two fabulous artistic directors," she says.

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Semi-retirement likely to include arts consulting or project management

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"It's been a terrific time, really fantastic. And I'm feeling confident about the future of the Shaw."

"To have Colleen Blake as a partner in the complex, thrilling, but often difficult job of making great theatre, as I have had for the past 10 years, is to know that you have the ultimate collaborator by your side," said artistic director Jackie Maxwell.

"Her ability to promote, question, encourage, yet reconfigure when necessary, is unmatched. Her commitment to, and love of theatre shines through at all times. The Shaw Festival has benefited from her great leadership for 17 years, and so it is on behalf of all of us that I send Colleen a heartfelt thank you, and wish her well in what will no doubt be a new, rich period in her

life."

Blake has agreed to stay on through the hiring of her replacement, she expects until early next spring.

At 63, Blake says she won't stop working, but she will do less, likely in the area of arts consulting or project management, to allow her the flexibility to travel and have more time for herself. Her husband Chris, executive director for Music Niagara, plans to keep working—she jokes that since he's four and a half years younger than her, he can't retire—but although he is busy year round, his schedule will allow him to make some accommodation so that they can get away together.

For the foreseeable future, they plan to stay in Niagara-on-the-Lake, which has been home to their family for almost two decades.

When their daughters, Maggie and Emily, were at school, the family home was in Queenston, but once the girls moved away to attend university the couple downsized to a home in the Old Town.

Atressa Maggie, who appeared in two Shaw productions this season, has returned to Toronto but hopes to be back, and Emily is in China for six months as a requirement for a master's degree in Chinese studies she is pursuing at the University of Edinburgh.

The Blakes' Victoria Street condo will continue to be home base for the couple, and their children when they visit, she says.

A graduate of the University of Windsor with

an honours degree in English, Blake is the recipient of the 1972 Jean A. Chalmers Apprentice Award (awarded annually by the Stratford Festival to young professionals) and the 1983 Pauline M. McGibbon Award (awarded by the Ontario government for excellence in the early stages of a theatre professional's career). In 2004, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from the University of Windsor.

Her extensive career in the theatre includes an 18-year association with the Stratford Festival in positions ranging from stage manager, through production manager and director of production to six years as producer. She



Colleen Blake

also worked as production manager of Young People's Theatre and General Manager of the Bastion

Theatre Company in Victoria, B.C.

Renowned for her generosity with both her time and expertise, Blake has served on several steering committees and boards for arts agencies and professional associations, as well as treasurer for the Board of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation.

A past president of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club, she was recognized for her contributions with a Paul Harris Award.

Since August 2009, Blake has been a member of the Ontario Nonprofit Network's Advisory Council and is also currently on the boards of both Studio 180 and Niagara College.

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Bicentennial celebrations to receive \$28 million in funding

1812 committee and legacy council members give a preview of events to councillors.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advocate

The federal government is coming through with long-promised funding—\$28 million over the next four years to help pay

for bicentennial events and programs that will take place across the country. It's good news for local organizers of the many important 1812 celebrations that will take place in Niagara-on-the-Lake, from the opening ceremonies

next June to the re-enactment of the battles of Fort George and Queenston Heights, the burial of Brock, the famous trek of Laura Secord, the occupation and the burning of the town.

All of those bicentennial events are in the planning stages and will take place with or without federal funding, but some "hard cash" from the federal government will help with the logistics, explained volunteer Jim Alexander.

Those involved in the NOTL 1812 committee and other organizations planning events have known there was funding coming for about two weeks, and have already begun the application process, said Alexander.

They have been assured that the applications don't meet criteria for this round of grants, there are other sources of funding that can be accessed.

In the announcement at Fort George Tuesday, Heritage Minister James Moore and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson spoke of the importance of the 1812 celebrations to Canada, and to Niagara in particular.

The money is expected to help pay for a national education campaign, support for about 100 historical re-enactments and celebrations, a permanent War of 1812 monument in Ottawa and improvements to more than 40 national historical sites that are significant to the war.

Kenneth Gansel, chair of the Legacy Council, presented a picture of the grand opening weekend of the 1812 celebrations at



Kenneth Gansel

Monday's meeting.

He said June 15, 16 and 17 of next year will be the grand opening weekend.

Gansel told councillors there would be a Military Tattoo at Fort George which will include a musical presentation from the Fife and Drum Corps and a musket and cannon demonstration.

There will be a parade down Queen Street featuring the Governor General's Horse Guards, a military cavalry and the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

There will be a military musical ride performed by the General Horse Guards. The Niagara Historical Society and Museum will celebratetha Declaration of War and Brock Ball and the Niagara Symphony Orchestra will play at Fort George.

Concluding the week-end, church music will ring along the Niagara River on both sides of the border to signify 200 years of peace.

All events are pending and subject to change, said Gansel.

Tony Chisolm and Rick Meloan, members of the

1812 committee have been planning the re-enactment of the burning of Newark. They spoke to the councillors and asked for the Town's support to allow them to carry out their plans and to use parts of the town.

There are two significant events, Chisolm said. NOTL will be under American occupation from May to December, 2013. On Dec. 7, 2013, the town will symbolically be lit with red lights to commemorate the burning of the town.

Chisolm said the committee plans to hire students to dress as American soldiers and patrol Queen and King Streets.

The idea is for the students to interact with residents and tourists and to inform them about the American Occupation beginning with the battle at Fort George and ending with the burning of the town in December.

Chisolm said he hopes to see a guard house on King Street with an American flag from that time period, which had 15 stars and 13 stripes.

Chisolm said the symbolic burning a video playing on a 50 foot screen at the back of the Market Square will highlight the history and the burning of the town.

Homes and businesses in Old Town will be lit up in red lights over several nights in December to signify the burning.

"These ideas are still in their infancy and they need more time for refinements and additions," Meloan told councillors.

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Recycle old electronics this Saturday to benefit Red Roof Retreat

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Instead of lugging that old television set with its rabbit ears to the curb for garbage pick-up, recycle it to support the Red Roof Retreat.

Red Roof is asking people to collect their old electronics from dusty basements and packed closets and recycle them. These items include televisions, computers, monitors, cell phones and even answering machines — people can drop off their out-of-date electronics at Clare's Harley Davidson this Saturday.

"We'll be there from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with happy faces waiting for people to pull up and show us what they've got," says Red Roof Retreat founder, Stefanie Bjorgan.

Bjorgan says she is excited about the fundraiser because it is something new in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"It's something that has been done in other communities with a really posi-

tive response and it's something I wanted to bring here."

Red Roof will receive proceeds from the day, but the amount depends on how many items are recycled.

Everything is weighed, says Bjorgan.

"There will be large bins for people to put their electronics in and the amount of money we receive will be based on the weight of the bins after they are filled."

The idea to hold a recycling fundraiser was twofold, says Bjorgan.

"I started looking into where the money goes when you pay an environmental tax."

One of the volunteers for Red Roof told her about the Electronics Stewardship Program, which follows a mandate from the government.

The program also looks for charities and businesses to work together to help raise money for a good cause while properly disposing of electronics.

"Because of the change from analog to digital a lot

people are updating their televisions and leaving their old electronics on the side of the road. I got tired of seeing everyone's electronics at the end of their driveways — this is a good way to make sure these things don't end up going into a landfill."

Bjorgan says it is important for the retreat to be environmentally friendly and doing anything it can to lessen its carbon footprint.

"We are environmentally friendly. We have beautiful wetlands which have been designated by the conservation authority and my staff will tell you they are serious when it comes to recycling."

Red Roof couldn't hold the recycling program on its property because it couldn't accommodate the extra traffic and the large bins used to collect the electronics.

"Harley Davidson was more than willing to help us and get together for a good cause."

Bjorgan says there are a few businesses and individuals who have been col-

lecting items for Red Roof, which will be donated Saturday, so she is hoping there will be a big turnout.

"There have been tons of individuals who have come to me and said 'I've got this and I've got that,' to donate. It's going to be a really positive day."

For anyone who cannot make it to Clare's Harley Davidson on York Road between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., there is an early-bird drop off at Niagara Computers in Virgil, in the Village Green Plaza.

"We're encouraging everyone who can to come on out and get rid of their unwanted electronics. It's about helping kids with special needs and the environment. It doesn't get any better than that."

For a complete list of items which will be accepted at Red Roof's collection day — hosted by the Electronics Stewardship Program and Clare's Harley Davidson, visit www.redroofretreat.com



SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

Owen Bjorgan, a volunteer for Red Roof Retreat, and Dennis Den Besten, owner of Niagara Computers, are collecting old electronics to be recycled to benefit Red Roof. Electronics can be dropped off at Clare's Harley Davidson on York Road this Saturday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Den Besten will be accepting early bird donations at Niagara Computers in the Village Green Plaza in Virgil until Friday.



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Family health clinic opening health clinics for flu vaccinations

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

The flu season is upon us once again, which means it's time to consider being vaccinated against influenza.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Family Health Team is offering flu shots to its patients on Oct. 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the community centre, and Oct. 29 or Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. These clinics are only available to patients of the NOTL Health Team, says Maria Bau Coote, executive director.

Residents who aren't patients of the Family Health Team can receive their flu

vaccinations on Nov. 2 at the NOTL Community Arena from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at a clinic organized by the region's public health department.

Patients are reminded to bring their health cards and to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

The flu is a serious disease caused by a virus that affects the lungs and there are many symptoms — headaches, a sudden high fever, sore throat, cough and chills are just a few.

Bau Coote wants to remind people to take precautions to avoid getting sick during the winter season.

"Wash your hands. My hands are always dry from

washing them so much, but it's important during this time of year."

The executive director says it's important to be well-rested to avoid illness.

"I'm not the best at doing this myself, but people need to make sure they get enough rest. A lot of people are always on the go-go-go. Our bodies need to rest, otherwise we become susceptible."

She says people should lie down or sneeze into their elbows or arms to stop the spread of germs.

It's important when people are sick that they stay home and rest, says Bau Coote. "It's a wonderful thing to have a great work

ethic, but you're not doing anyone any favours by coming into work sick and spreading germs."

Bau Coote says getting the flu shot is quick and painless. "If anyone needs any encouragement to get their flu shot, there will be coffee, tea, and cookies afterwards. It only takes 15 minutes of your time."

To help protect her compromised immune system and stay healthy, Bau Coote says she will get her flu shot this season.

"I have been getting the flu shot for the last 12 years. I don't want to jinx myself but I haven't gotten sick. I've had maybe a mild case of the flu once, but I attribute

my health to the flu shot."

She says the health team expects to see a large number of people from receiving their vaccinations.

"We expect quite a few people. Last year we gave flu shots to 200 people on the first day. I would say we saw between 600 to 800 people who got vaccinated last year."

New this year for the Family Health Team, the location of the flu clinic has changed to the community centre because of its accessibility, says Bau Coote.

She says the family health team will also continue its food drive for Newark Neighbours for the third year.

"We've always had an outstanding response from the community and we want to support the food bank.

There are so many of us who live in beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake but there are those in the community who are not as fortunate as others. With the cold winter weather months, it's important to help those people who don't have much."

Visit www.niagararegion.ca or phone the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 for more clinic dates, times and locations.

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Artist to examine history through his work at RiverBrink

As part of the museum's lecture series, Canadian artist Charles Pachter and his work will set the stage for next season's 1812 exhibition.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Explore history through an artist's eyes this Sunday at RiverBrink Art Museum in Queenston.

Charles Pachter, a well-known Canadian artist, will present his contemporary take on John Graves Simcoe and his pivotal role in the resettling of Loyalists from the American colonies in Upper Canada following the American War of Independence.

Pachter's lecture will set the stage for the next season of exhibitions and programming, RiverBrink's War of 1812, opening in May 2012, says Debra Antonic, interim curator.

She says he will talk about the lead-up to the War of 1812 and the historical figures involved in it.

"I'm really excited about having Pachter here. It will be a nice and relaxed but educational atmosphere. It's a chance to meet the artist and see what inspires him."

Antonic says each lecture at the museum is different, but she expects Pachter to talk about the techniques he uses in his art and give his take on Canadian history.

In his series of narrative paintings, Pachter has examined the turbulent years leading up to and following the American Revolution that led to the flight of thousands of displaced Loyalists in the 1780s and 1790s.

Their resettlement and the resulting creation of Upper Canada under the stewardship of John Graves Simcoe are themes

which Pachter has re-interpreted from his own contemporary perspective.

"He's an interesting character — a lot of his work draws on a Canadian motif."

Born in Toronto, Pachter studied art history at the University of Toronto, French literature at the Sorbonne in Paris and paintings and graphics at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan.

He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Order of Canada and an Honorary Doctorate from Brock University.

Pachter has created many paintings, sculptures and prints which reference.

Antonic says Pachter uses iconic images that he has used in his artwork — these pieces of art

He's an interesting character. A lot of his work draws on a Canadian motif."

— Debra Antonic
Interim Curator

include a wide range of people from hockey players to Queen Elizabeth.

These works of art are what Antonic describes as tongue and cheek.

"Pachter has created a portrait of Queen Elizabeth riding a moose for example. It is very definite that the artist will talk about his work and draw on Canadian culture

and its history."

His work can be found in public and private collections in Canada and abroad. Familiar motifs include his installation at the College St. subway station in Toronto and life-sized sculptures of moose at Toronto City Hall and on the campus of the University of Toronto.

The artist has also illustrated books and collaborating with writer Margaret Atwood to illustrate *The Journals of Susannah Moodie*.

This lecture is the fifth in a series of monthly lectures presented by RiverBrink from June to October.

The lecture begins at 2



Well-known Canadian artist Charles Pachter will give a lecture at RiverBrink Museum this Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Sponsored by the Shaw Festival Town Preview grant, the historical society presents 50th Fanfare at the Museum.

Saturday, Oct. 15, Shaw actors Jennifer Phipps and Lorne Kennedy will present a reading of Alan Bennett's *The Old Woman in the Van*.

Based on the book of the same title, this is a true story of an eccentric woman who parked her van in British playwright Alan Bennett's back garden and stayed there for

nearly 20 years.

On Oct. 22, Shaw alumna Joanne Kirwan Clark will present *Tea at Five* by Matthew Lombardo, an intimate look at the life of the beloved actress Katherine Hepburn, based on her book *Me: Stories of my Life*.

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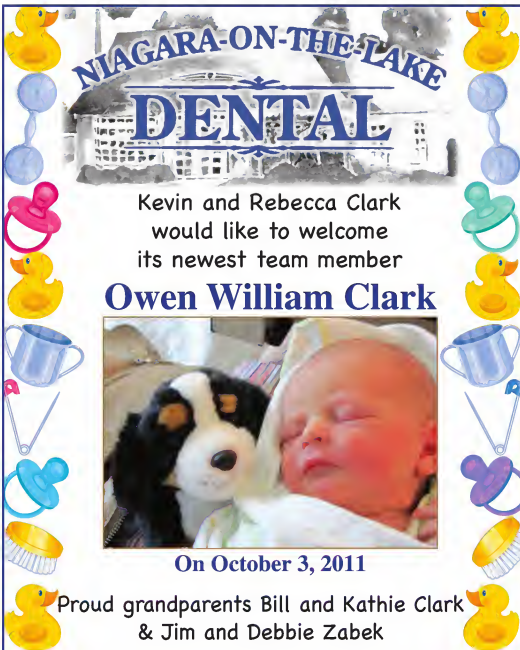
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All presentations start

at 7 p.m. at the Museum. Tickets are \$20 each or buy all three for \$50.

For more information on this and other museum events, call 905-468-3912 or visit www.niagarahistoricalmuseum.com.

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Lane organizes annual evening of friends coming together to play for friends

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While pulling together such an event takes time and effort, Jack and Dianne

look at it as a labour of love - they enjoy the evening as much as those who buy tickets, many marking their social calendar each year, but it is a task that has been made easier since the couple retired from a gift shop they ran on Queen Street.

Now Jack, the musician,

can spend more time writing and playing music, and Dianne can devote as much of herself as she wants to her favourite pastimes, gardening and painting.

"We enjoyed the shop," says Jack. "We had a lot of fun with it. But we're really having fun doing more of all

the other things we love doing."

And that includes putting together the annual event, which gives Jack and his friends an excuse to leave their other responsibilities behind for one evening, and come together to do something they enjoy.

"Musicians are a very close bunch. It's a wonderful environment for us to be together for this very special evening. When they arrive, there are always lots of hugs - we all love being back together playing again. It's a very meaningful evening for us."

Advance tickets are \$49, and are available by calling Lane at 905-468-8232, or email him at jackjazzman@cox.ca. The ticket price includes gourmet treats courtesy of Stone Road Grille. The bar opens at 7 p.m., with dancing from 7:30 p.m.



Jack Lane (right) and his swinging 17-piece band, playing last year at Fort George, will entertain at the 2011 Gala Party at the new community centre Oct. 22.

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St. Davids School
In the Classroom

Have you heard the expression 'Think globally, and act locally'?

Starting this year St. Davids has decided to focus on both local and global charities.

Each St. Davids School student sent a pencil with a note to a child in Africa where Elyse Giroux, daughter of Mrs. Giroux, our principal, is studying.

We found out through her that the children in certain schools only receive one pencil a year, limiting the option of education.

St. Davids arranged to collect a 10-kilogram box of pencils to send to children in Africa. Purulotor provided us with a discount rate and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club paid for the postage. We wish the children in Africa luck and hope they write back.

Students at St. Davids Public School have decided to have a Me 2 We Club, an organization which is associated with Free the

are children in the developing world under the age of five. The zinc from recycled batteries is turned into sachets of zinc sprinkles and delivered as a life-saving treatment.

This month we are contributing to Halloween for Hunger, an event where instead of trick or treating for candy, you collect canned goods and non-perishable food items.

We will be donating our collection to local food banks and shelters.

Upcoming events include the Vow of Silence, Local Spotlight and Five Days of Freedom. It looks as though it will be a very productive year at St. Davids as we promote concern for others.

St. Davids has added three new teachers and a secretary to our school.

First we welcome Mrs. Higgins, who is teaching an afternoon Kindergarten class.

Next is Mr. Zulauf sharing a class with Mrs. Koabel in a Grade 3/4 split.

Miss Becket has joined the staff to teach Grade 7/8.

Finally we welcome our new secretary Mrs. Lococo. We wish all our new staff the best of luck.

This early in the school year, we already have a few teams up and running. There's a cross country team with Grades 3 to 8 participating, coached by Mrs. Borrowman.

Then we've got our

junior co-ed soccer team doing an amazing job of keeping their focus and scoring in an undefeated

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Finally we have senior girls and boys playing volleyball in the league,

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Fall curbside pick-up of tied branches will run for four weeks

Fall branch collection starts Oct. 24 in the Niagara Region.

The collection will run for four consecutive weeks and it will be offered to all single residential homes and apartments with six

units or less.

When putting branches to the curb for collection, it's important to remember to tie the branches in bundles.

The maximum weight for the bundles is 22.7 kg

or 50 pounds. The maximum size of the bundle is 5 feet in length and 1.6 foot in diameter. Individual branches inside the bundle must not exceed 2.8 inches in diameter.

Branches must be placed at the curb on the designated collection day.

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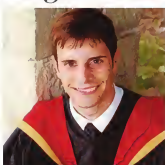
Announcements

Births



MEYER/MOORE - Jeff Meyer & Rebecca Moore are thrilled to announce the birth of their son - Matthew Michael, on September 21, 2011, weighing 8 lb 4 oz. Proud grandparents are Wendy Stewart, Ed Meyer, Patti Moore and the late Michael Moore. A great-grandson for Helen Luce and Joan Moore. Thanks to the midwives and the staff at S.C.G.H.

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FEDORKOW (Bodnar), Anne - Passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on Friday, October 7, 2011 in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of 55 years to the late Walter Fedorkow. Dearly loved mother of Elizabeth Fedorkow (David Alles) and Marlene (Simon) Nylassy of Toronto and John (Debbie) Fedorkow of St. David's. Loving Baba of Matthew, Stephanie, Michael, Camille, Sean, and Cassin. Dear sister of Betty (Les) Kloc, Mary (Bob) Franklin, sister-in-law of Anne (Bill) Bodnar. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her grandson Alex Fedorkow, brothers Bill and Nick Bodnar and young sisters Olesia and Sylvia Bodnar. Anne and Walter owned and operated a fruit farm in St. David's for many years. Both Walter and Anne were founding and long term members of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Anne was also a founding and long term member of the St. David's and District Lionses Club. Anne will be remembered for taking pleasure and joy in everything she did and especially baking which was her favourite. She also will be remembered for her kindness and generosity. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, October 11th at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery, in memory of Anne, donations to the St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church or Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides would be appreciated by her family. On-line condolences at www.patersonfuneralhome.com

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Departed peacefully at Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital on Friday, October 7th in his 87th year. Predeceased by his first wife June Kingsford in September 1983. Loving father of Heather and her husband John Thiffault (Queenston) and Anne and her husband John Friel (Tennessee). Proud grandfather of Matthew and Jeremy (Queenston), and Nathanael, Emily and Zachary (Tennessee). Born in London, England in 1924, Fred immigrated with June to Canada in 1954 having only a bag of tools and \$60. They lived in Mississauga, where Fred worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. and the Region of Peel. After raising two daughters, they retired in NOTL in 1988. Following June's passing, Fred married Joyce Grimes in December 1988. He also welcomed into his family her son Paul, wife Denise and their sons Fraser and Spencer (Toronto) and Joyce's son Paul (Oshawa). Fred had a passion to see young people succeed, especially his grandchildren. He spent many years devoted to youth through the Cadet Program. In addition to building an operational field gun in his backyard for use by RCSCC Haida, he took a group of Cadets on a European tour in celebration of Canada's Centennial. He continued his service by supporting Air Cadets at NOTL. Fred was a friendly neighbour and always had time for a chat or to help others. He enjoyed his weekly coffee mornings at his Navy Club in Niagara Falls. Fred's family wish to thank Dr. Jennifer Fries and the Nurses of NOTL Hospital for the wonderful care and compassion Fred received during his stay. A Memorial Service will be held at MORGAN FUNERAL HOME, 415 Regent Street, NOTL, on Saturday, October 15th, at 11 a.m. As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a memorial donation to the NOTL Hospital Auxiliary. Online guest register at:

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This 4 bedroom, 2 bath may be the perfect fit. Enjoy the country kitchen, celebrate your family round the dining room table, relax in the lounge. The bed/sitting room has an outside entrance & could be used as an in-home office. Outside is the BBQ patio, 16 x 32 pool, and hobbyist's oversized garage / workshop. \$947,500
 Visit: www.1394ConcessionInfo

1394 CONCESSION RD • NOTL DOUG REMPEL*



This beautifully finished home offers all the benefits of bungalow living with the added bonus of a 2.5 bedroom suite loft. Perfect for entertaining the living & dining rms are open to the sun-drenched morning rm & kitchen. Walkout to the beautiful perennial gardens & private patio. This home offers a 3yr warranty to the buyer. \$519,500
 Visit: www.2272NiagaraStoneRdInfo

2272 NIAGARA STONE RD • NOTL DOUG REMPEL*



Close to community amenities this 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath home has all the space your active family is looking for including the formal living & dining rms, eat in kitchen, family room and den too. On the upper level is the master bedroom & 3 bedrooms plus bonus playroom and there is a recreation/games rm plus bed/sitting rm in the lower level. Fully fenced and nicely landscaped too. \$495,000
 Visit: www.15277CreekInfo

1527 FOUR MILE CREEK RD • VIRGIL DOUG REMPEL*



Masters-Kemp home C1860, exceptionally maintained & tastefully decorated the home with main floor master & an suite, offers four additional bdrms & main bath up. The enclosed veranda opens to the welcoming vestibule, morning rm & lounge, formal dining rm & a bright, contemporary kitchen. Enjoy the pergola covered patio overlooking the perennial gardens. \$879,000
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Well maintained 3-2 bdrm bungalow with side yard access to the lower level provides residential, rental, or business options. The home offers a sunfilled reception rm and eat-in kitchen which overlooks the private back garden. The lower level has a relaxed rec rm and 3 pc bath along with laundry and utility rms. Many major updates and surrounded by mature gardens. \$839,000
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334 MARY STREET • NOTL DOUG REMPEL*



Just minutes to town with one foot in the country, set on a 3/4 acre lot, and surrounded by beautiful perennial gardens, this easy-access, family friendly home may be just right for your or your extended family. The home has several renewable energy features and ideal for the hobbyist or craftsman, supplied with hydro & kerosene is the 48 x 24 ft outbuilding. \$368,500
 Visit: www.1928Concession4Info

1928 CONCESSION 4 RD • NOTL DOUG REMPEL*



Charming, & beautifully decorated whimsical story book home with an inviting living rm, gas fireplace, country-styled kitchen, dinette where french doors open to the two-level deck & patio. Raised family rm plus the Florida rm's cozy a/cn stove and garden views. 3 bdrms & main bath up. Beautiful gardens and there is a storage/potting shed too. \$399,500
 Visit: www.21DumfriesInfo

21 DUMFRIES STREET • QUEENSTON DOUG REMPEL*



Charming weekend or holiday home. Loaded with charm character & all the extras you would expect in a custom crafted home, this beautifully appointed executive retreat combines architectural detailing with designer décor to create a very special residence. Located in "The Village" Niagara's planned & no alcohol community, this one will wow you! \$469,000
 Visit: www.9SamuelInfo

9 SAMUEL STREET • NOTL DOUG REMPEL*



This 4 bedroom, 3 bath bungalow offers perfection in every design & finishing detail. Custom crafted cabinetry & millwork, unique built-ins, the finest flooring, top-of-the-line heartland appliances, fully finished the lower level includes the recreation rm, in-home office, guest suite & spa. Summertime and living is easy on the spacious covered porch & patio. \$559,000
 Visit: www.11MulberryLaneInfo

11 MULBERRY LANE • VIRGIL DOUG REMPEL*



A pleasing blend of Town & Country. Break out of the city or for an alternative life style - this spacious, 4 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow may be the right choice. The hint of formality found in the principal rms complements the modern country-style kitchen & dinette & for family & visitors, the finished lower lvl is a bonus & for the hobbyist, wait till you see the garage! \$618,000
 Visit: www.1811CreekInfo

1811 FOUR MILE CREEK RD • VIRGIL DOUG REMPEL*



This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Regency styled end-unit Rowhouse is presented to perfection blending designer décor with the finest finishes. Welcome guests to the great-for-entertaining living & dining rooms, relax in the family room and perform culinary magic in the gourmet kitchen. Enjoy panoramic views & breathtaking sunsets from the upper balcony. \$629,000
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86 GARRISON VILLAGE DR • NOTL CLAUDE CORRIVEAU*



Set on a beautifully landscaped lot, this exceptional 2 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath bungalow features custom finishing detail and numerous upgrades plus a fully finished 2 bdrm lower level suite that is perfect for an extended family and includes a second kitchen, great rm, den, and lots of storage too. This very special home so delectable from the street will wow you. \$755,000
 Visit: www.155SorensenCourtInfo

15 SORENSEN COURT • VIRGIL DOUG REMPEL*



This 17 acre property is located in the heart of Niagara-on-the-lake and features 16 acres of peaches, an updated farmhouse, a work shop or possible art studio and a barn. The property comes with instant income, as the land is leased out and the home has tenants! The separate 1,200+ square foot workshop/studio is currently setup as three separate units and has water, electricity and heating. The barn has a fruit cooler, a loft for storage and concrete floor. Own a prime piece of land in Ontario's fruit belt!
 \$574,900
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1238 LINE 5 RD • NOTL ANNA DA SILVA* JAIME DA SILVA*



Inspired Italianate architecture combines with trendy decor creating this one-of-a-kind 5 bdrm, 4 1/2 bath executive residence. Cellars span over 20 ft in the grand salon which is overlooked by the mistral gallery. Enjoy the well-designed kitchen, hideaway in the patio gardens. Finished on three levels, the elevator provides easy access between floor areas. \$799,000
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